

Congress of Judge Jenkins in the Superior District of Wisconsin. The letter, published this morning by The Tribune, was as follows:

Chicago, Ill., July 3, 1908.

Col. M. M. Mulhall, Care Superior Hotel, Superior, Wisconsin:

My Dear Colonel—I have yours of the 2nd inst, and have been getting busy on the Jenkins matter of late.

Mr. O'Connell is not to blame for not having answered your letter as he handed it to me and I told him I would take care of it. I have, however, been delayed in seeing Mr. Hines of the Hines Lumber Company, and the proprietors of the Skandanaven. I have recently, however, seen Mr. Hines, who promises his active support both financially and otherwise, and in a day or two I am to see him again with reference to either his or my interesting all the other lumber companies in Chicago operating in that district.

It will be a few days before I see Mr. Anderson, the proprietor of the Skandanaven, but shall see him next week and hope to be able to report good results in that direction from him.

I received the five-dollar bill enclosed, but think you are too generous in the matter of a present for the little Scarlet Fever girl, who is now out of bed and is the merriest and happiest one of them all.

Please convey our regards to your good wife, and with the thanks of our little Virginia to you and Mrs. Mulhall, I am, very truly yours,

Fred W. Job.

At the time this letter was written Fred W. Job was secretary of the Employers' Association of Chicago, and the fact that the head of one department store was president and the heads of two other department stores were on the executive committee shows the strong connection between the department stores and the association.

The other officers at that time were Calvin H. Hill of Heywood Bros. & Wakefield Co., first vice-president; F. K. Copeland of the Sullivan Machinery Co., second vice-president; Wm. E. Clow of Jas. B. Clow & Sons, treasurer; and, with John T. Pirie, president, the officers and the following members made up the executive committee: F. H. Armstrong of Reid, Murdoch & Co., Chas. H. Conover of Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co., John V. Farwell of the J. V. Farwell Co., Jacob L. Kesner of The Fair, Mark Morton of Western Cold Storage Co., C. H. Thorne of Montgomery Ward & Co., J. Harry Selz of Selz, Schwab & Co., James Simpson of Marshall Field & Co., Frederick W. Job, secretary.

The make-up of the executive committee at that time shows the general character of the Employers' Association, showing that it takes in the department stores, mail order houses, manufacturers and general business houses.

The letter shows that this association was in close touch with the National Association of Manufacturers, and was co-operating with its lobby in attempting to control the election of congressmen. In short, the Employers' Association of Chicago was a part of the invisible government, and the department stores were an important part of the Employers' Association of Chicago.

If the invisible government were completely exposed, it would probably develop that the Employers' Association of Chicago and the Illinois Manufacturers' Association were tucked up in the same bed together with the